of foodgrains (80,000 tonnes of wheat and 20,000 tonnes of rice) on 29.1.2001 for distribution to earthquake affected people in earthquake areas of the State with the instruction to Food Corporation of India to supply foodgrains to State Government without insisting on pre-payment. The State Government has lifted 19,997 tonnes of rice and 79,126 tonnes of wheat out of the quantities allotted.

Take over of Breakfast Food unit of Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corp. Ltd.

2592. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has proposed to take over the Breakfast Food Unit of Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corp. Ltd., if so, the progress in this regard; and

(b) whether it is a fact that proposal could not be materialized so far because of non-cooperation from the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi have shown some interest in take over of the Breakfast Food Unit (BFF) of the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Ltd. The Central Government has informed the Government of NCT of Delhi that once Government of NCT of Delhi conveys its sanction to take over the BFF, modalities of the transfer would be examined and the terms and conditions could be worked out.

Payment of Arrears of Cess to Karnataka

2593. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount due to Karnataka by the Food Corporation of India towards cess levied on procurement of foodgrains; and

(b) the action taken so far to make payment of arrear of cess to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) There is a levey of 1% cess on procurement cost. Details of cess leviable is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Rice	84.15
Maize	73.00